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Rep. Considine Statement on Resignation of Corrections Secretary Ed Wall

Madison – Recently, Governor Walker announced the resignation of Ed Wall as Secretary of the Department of Corrections. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) released the following statement:

“Staff vacancy rates at institutions across Wisconsin are unacceptably high. At Columbia Correctional Institution, in my district, the vacancy level has remained the same for several months. These vacancies have resulted in extremely dangerous conditions for officers, inmates, and our communities. Since Act 10, we have seen policies from Governor Walker and his Department of Corrections that continue to drive correctional officers to early retirements and other, higher-paying jobs. These policies have a cost, and our citizens are now paying the price.

“I have worked with my colleagues to offer solutions and assistance to Secretary Wall, the Department, and my constituents that are affected by these officer shortages. Now, we have a significant opportunity to affect change in the DOC. I hope Governor Walker and incoming Secretary Jon Litscher will see this situation as a chance to improve the relationship between officers and staff and the Department. I look forward to working together with Secretary Litscher to advance meaningful solutions that support and protect our hardworking corrections officers and staff as well as inmates and the surrounding communities.”

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